

## Message Text

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TAGS: BENC, ENRG, TH  
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: THAILAND NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

REF: A) STATE 152045, B) BANGKOK 12328, C) BANGKOK 9793

1. INFORMATION PARAGRAPH ONE REFTEL A ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. RTG HAS  
SELECTED FLUOR CORPORATION AS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR  
PHASE 1, TECHNICAL DESIGN AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, OF THAI  
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT.

2. FORMAL CONTRACT BETWEEN RTG AND FLUOR HAS NOT YET BEEN  
SIGNED. IN LATE MAY NATIONAL GAS ORGANIZATION OF THAILAND  
(NGOT) SENT FLUOR "LETTER OF INTENT" CONFIRMING FLUOR'S SELECTION  
AND ON JUNE 5 FLUOR BEGAN OPERATIONS WITH OFFICES IN NGOT  
BUILDING.

3. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY KASEM HAS ASKED FLUOR TO MAKE PRESENTA-  
TION IN NEAR FUTURE TO WORLD BANK IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION  
FOR \$4.6 MILLION LOAN FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE DESIGN AND  
ENGINEERING WORK. IF WORLD BANK APPROVES LOA, RTG AND FLUOR  
WILL SIGN FORMAL CONTRACT SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND MONEY  
WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN APPROXIMATELY 45 ADAYS. IN  
MEANTIME FLUOR IS PAYING ITS OWN EXPENSES.

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